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1. On approaching Ventspils (N 57-23, E 21-33)

The only buoys and navigational aids observed near the harbor approaches were a light buoy five nautical miles from the harbor moles, and a wreck buoy just outside the harbor itself. there was no longer any mined area.

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[redacted] People in the streets seemed to be well fed, but had serious expressions. Rifle drill was held daily by both military and naval personnel on the road that led from the town to the dock area.

5. [redacted] another vessel arrived and took on a cargo of anthracite coal. The ship was about 2,000 tons; the loading was completed in about 24 hours. The coal arrived in lighters, which [redacted] came from the Don Basin. 50X1-HUM

6. [redacted]

7. While in the town of Ventpils [redacted] there did not appear to be many of the old inhabitants left in the city. Also, the features of the inhabitants appeared different [redacted] German was the language most widely used. 50X1-HUM

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